

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 19, 2006, the Applicant offers the following submissions and amendments.

Amendments

Claim 1 has been cancelled and replaced with new claim 4. New claim 4 explicitly incorporates the features of the cradle and the cartridge.

Accordingly, the amendments do not add any new matter.

35 U.S.C. §103 - Claims 1 to 3

Claims 1 to 3 stand rejected as obvious in light of US 6,749,298 to Schalk et al in view of US 6,588,952 to Silverbrook et al.

The cited references do not teach all the elements of amended claim 4. It is a fundamental requirement of the cited references to teach all the claimed elements in order to support a §103 rejection. '298 and '952 fail to meet this requirement.

New claim 4 defined the removable cartridge to have a pagewidth printhead. Contrary to the Examiner's assertions, '952 does not teach a cartridge with a pagewidth printhead. At col.1, ll.44-48 of '952, the printhead is described as a pagewidth printhead having an array of MEMS devices. At col. 2, ll. 48-51 of '952, the printhead is described as part of the print engine assembly 502 that is detachable from the print roll cartridge 502. The print roll cartridge is the only cartridge disclosed in '952 and it does not have a pagewidth printhead. Nor does it have a printhead auxiliary member for performing a number of maintenance functions.

Likewise, '298 and '952 do not disclose a transmission for selectively engaging such a printhead auxiliary member. Furthermore, there is no suggestion of a cartridge with a capper for its inbuilt pagewidth printhead, or how this capper might be used before installing the cartridge as well as during its operational life.

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In light of the above, the citation fail to render new claim 4 obvious, and it follows that dependent claims 2 and 3 are likewise novel and inventive.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejection has been successfully traversed and the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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